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- Regarding the public hearing on CT Driver's licenses for all residents regardless of immigration status.
- Notice of request to give testimony in favor of bill.

As a resident of CT, I would like to give testimony at the public hearing on expanding access to CT driver's licenses to all residents. In principal, I would like to speak to the daily fear I experience driving without a license; which I know is against the law but something I do out of necessity to provide for my children.

Recently, when pulled over for a routine traffic stop, I felt an overwhelming panic that I would never see my children again, that I would be swept away to a detention center and deported to a country that is no longer my own. Before the officer came to the window of my car, I quickly called my best friend and begged her to care for my children if I should be detained and then I called my husband and pleaded with him to find me- to not let me disappear into a web of detention centers and never heard from again.

I am a hard-working mother of three; two of which are U.S. citizens. I do the best I can to keep them safe and healthy. If Connecticut passes a law allowing me to obtain a driver's license, it would be an overwhelming relief for me and my family.

Sincerely,

Maria Borges